



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s) Van Hamont, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/478,822 (U.S. Patent No. 5,705,197)  
Issued January 1, 1998

Group Art Unit: 1617

Reissue Filed: January 6, 2000

Examiner: Wang, Shengjun

Title: HYBRID SOLVENT EVAPORATION-EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING PLGA MICROSPHERES

Date: January 25, 2006

**AMENDMENT**

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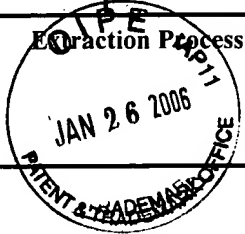
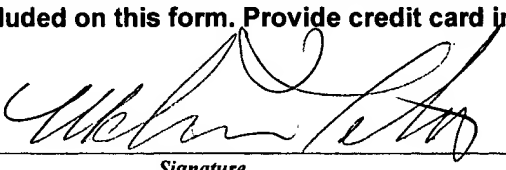
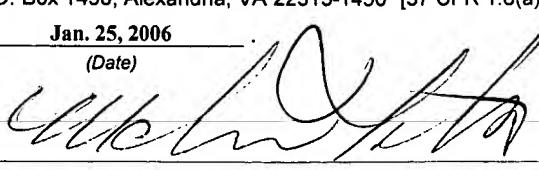
In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>Army104</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Van Hamont, et al.</b>						
Application No. <b>09/478,822</b>	Filing Date <b>1/6/00</b>	Examiner <b>Wang, Shengjun</b>	Customer No. <b>000041022</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1617</b>	Confirmation No. <b>2214</b>	
Invention: <b>Extraction Process for Producing PLGA Microspheres</b>						
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00	
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